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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

7 KAREN DIANE STEGNER,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Deputy
11 Commissioner of Social Security for
12 Operations,

13 Defendant.

Case No. C18-5227-JPD

ORDER REVERSING AND REMANDING
FOR FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS

14 Plaintiff brought this action to seek judicial review of the denial of her application for
15 disability benefits by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Dkt. 4. The
16 parties have stipulated that this case should be reversed and remanded for further administrative
17 proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Dkt. 15.

18 Based on the stipulation of the parties, the Court ORDERS that this case be REVERSED
19 and REMANDED for further administrative proceedings. Upon remand, the Appeals Council
20 shall consider whether the record warrants issuing an immediate decision. If the record needs
21 further development, the Appeals Council shall direct the Administrative Law Judge to update
22 the medical records, obtain a medical expert opinion to evaluate whether the severity of
23 plaintiff's multiple sclerosis, in combination with her other impairments meets or equals the
24 listings, especially 11.09 (as amended on 6/29/2016). If warranted, plaintiff's residual functional

1 capacity shall be reassessed and supplemental vocational evidence may be obtained to reevaluate
2 whether there are jobs in the national economy the claimant could still perform despite her
3 limitations.

4 DATED this 5th day of September, 2018.

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JAMES P. DONOHUE

7 United States Magistrate Judge
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